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CHAPTER I.

It was a strange and singularly impressive scene. All the houses of the very ancient Dravidian village were illuminated more or less by earthen vessels containing oil and wick. Not only did these lights bring out into relief against the growing darkness the outlines of the various buildings, but they had been placed with that patient, painstaking and indifferent to individual labor peculiar to Asia, in the clefts of trees. They lighted up the great banyan tree, the special pride of this Tamil or Dravidian region, for it was a tree of more than 1,000 trunks, sent down from the enormous branches, covering acres and forming a sort of natural sylvan temple, and they were to be seen glowing amid the fragrant flowers of its tamarinds that shaded the bungalow of Sahib Karney, the indigo planter, and some of these lamps were even shining out starlike from the distant hilltops and shedding a fitful light over the dull bluish green and pale red flowers of his indigo plantation. Far on the right, too, the lamps brought into strong relief the stately gopurams, or towers, at the entrance of a temple, all covered with strange and grotesque figures, and presently came a burst of fireworks, followed by another and another, which for an instant brought on the whole landscape into clear view, showing here and there natives in their picturesque white dresses, and then fading abruptly into gloom, lighted only by the many twinkling starlike lamps. In a word, it was the dipavali, or feast of light, and it had brought many strangers into Tirunamalli, which, though but an insignificant speck on even the trigonometrical survey of India, was in its own estimation a place of infinite importance, boasting some of the grandest and holiest of temples and the most devout worshipers in all southern India.

In the verandu, smoking and reclining on low cane sofalike chairs, were two Europeans—Charles Karney and David Ross, his partner.

"Do you know, Ross," said the former, "I'm sorry I let my sister go on this foolish errand. I had no idea this feast was due or that it would bring in such a swarm of fanatics."

The speaker was a man of about 30, with a narrow, upright forehead, a straight lined mouth and a general aspect of arithmetic and business in every lineament.

"Foolish errand!" replied his partner. "Would you be quite prepared to say as much to Miss Lilian herself?" Ross was a great contrast to his companion, with his broad, open, genial countenance, warm, expressive eyes, and good tempered mouth and chin.

"I don't know," rejoined Karney, smiling coldly, "but it's foolish all the same. Here am I toiling in this beastly climate, to say nothing of the visitation to the boiler house, where we beat up the indigo, while she dispenses the product among some of the biggest rascals and greatest wretches in the universe."

"Some of the products," corrected the other. "Don't exaggerate, whatever you do."

"Too much anyhow," was the reply. And Karney went on: "I can't divine how all this folly began. Why should not Lilian be like other young ladies in this place? What are the people to her or she to them?"

Ross smoked on without replying. He looked rather fixedly at his friend and partner, but said nothing. After awhile, however, he asked, "Of course, she did not go alone?"

"Oh, no. Nasiban went with her."

Ross struck the table at his elbow and made the glasses on it rattle, and then in an ordinary tone asked, "And where is it, pray, and for how long?"

"Oh, it's only to that horrible bad hit beyond the hill—there, where you see those three confounded heathen lights. She's been making a fuss about wanting to see her pitiable face—her teacher, you know—and sent a message that she could not die happy unless the mem sahib went up. Why, my dear fellow, what's the matter with you tonight? There's nothing to make a bother about. When Lilian is here, she does nothing but fuss about grace and prayer and doctrines until I'm sick of the very name of religion."

"It were well if you and I had a little of her goodness. But haven't you heard the news yet?"

"What news?"

"Why, simply this: Some of the leading Hindoos have held what they call a dhar in Safar and have been discussing how they can best get rid of all this obnoxious teaching. Haven't you heard that one had boldly said that no matter what happens they must get rid of the mem sahib, and that if a man was hanged in such a cause—are you listening, Charles Karney?—he would be but a martyr. Do you know that your sister believes that one of her converts, Sottbjunadhan, has been poisoned, and yet—good God—in the face of all this you let your sister go up to that old woman on the hill with no one to protect her better than Nasiban. Charles Karney, I'm ashamed of you!" And Ross sprang up, knocking down the table, and paced the verandu in a state of great excitement.

Karney seemed to take this very coolly. He started a little when the other rose up so abruptly, but now he only smiled softly, showing a beautiful set of white teeth, and murmured: "My dear fellow, don't play the royal Bengal tiger, pray. Don't lash up your noble rage and quarrel with your prosaic and practical partner. What can I do with such a sister? Am I to pauperize myself and rob you of your share and place myself within the pale of the criminal law because I happen to have a romantic, beautiful, fascinating sister, who insists on carrying out literally the gospel? Just think. It's all very fine to plunge into heroics, but I rather think you joined me to grow indigo and to prepare that merchantable article in a profitable way. Eh?"

Ross had cooled down a little. He was impulsive, but he had a dread of ridicule, especially before this exasperating, cool, calculating man, whose nothing seemed capable of rousing out of a cold, selfish indifference. He once more sank into his seat and lit a fresh cigar.

"That's right," observed Karney. "Now be a sensible fellow. When you joined me, you told me you wanted money, and I took you into the concern because I knew you'd understood how to vat, ferment and run off the stuff. You certainly never said you wanted to turn missionary and preach to the scum of this benighted place like my misguided sister. Scum, indeed! Do you think men like that Brahman, Prohrada, who called on us yesterday are likely to be converted?" And Karney fell back on his couch and laughed a little, low laugh.

CHAPTER II.

Never were brother and sister more unlike, morally and physically, than Lilian and Charles Karney. Left orphans with equal fortunes, Charles Karney had been advised to try indigo planting, and he induced his sister to accompany him to India, she being desirous to originate a zenana mission and full of true and genuine enthusiasm for the propagation of Christianity in India. In truth, Charles had behaved with some deception toward his sister, who was as guileless as she was good. He persuaded her to lend him her portion, and thereby he had been enabled to procure his plantation, and he for his own part was resolved to make a fortune. To this end he abandoned all idea of marrying yet awhile, or of amusing himself in the style of most members of his class. He had taken Ross, a cool, clear headed young Scotchman, and his little capital into the concern, in return for some twelfth of the net profits and a vast amount of special skill that young Ross had somehow acquired in the preparation of indigo for markets, the process being in some respects quite as delicate and involving as much uninterrupted attention as brewing.

When Ross took up his residence on the plantation, he simply thought at first that Karney was rather a cold, selfish sort of fellow, who was entirely absorbed in practicing all kinds of economies, and that his lovely sister was a visionary, impracticable and somewhat eccentric sort of young lady. She certainly did press her brother on the subject of saying "grace before meat" and would remind him how his Hindoo neighbors never failed to light up camphor in the evening before the pictures in their houses of Rama or Krishna and to decorate them with fresh flowers. "And shall we," she would ask, "let ourselves be outdone by heathens and idolaters?" Then there was a continual conflict between brother and sister on the subject of money. Lilian, her brother declared, was always making demands on him on account of her proteges around, and he affirmed that all the beggars, hypocrites and rascals, male and female, of the locality pretended to listen to her preaching because they knew that by doing so they would be free to her purse.

Everybody who has lived in India intimately among the people knows what a curse and scourge dearth is to the masses. The native of India, it has been aptly said, is always in debt, and marriages and funerals alike are terrible sources of pecuniary trouble, and when it was found that the mem sahib at the bungalow of Sahibs Karney and Ross was easily persuaded to aid any one who would listen to her preaching and receive her tracts it was certain that there was some truth in Karney's complaints as to his sister being often victimized by impostors.

Of late, however, Ross, who was shrewd enough, had drawn sundry conclusions of his own which were not much to the glory and praise of his partner. He was not at this period himself what could be called a religious man. In truth, he was of the type of the average prudent, moderately clever, steady, temperate, hardworking young man of the day, anxious, like so many more, to make money, and with very vague notions as to what he should do with it when made, but although he did not always agree with Miss Karney's profession and practices he had come insensibly under the spell of her influence, of her gentleness, her sincerity and unending sympathies, and he felt that were he her brother it would be difficult indeed to refuse her aught she asked in the name of charity and Christian love.

CHAPTER III.

If ever there was a living embodiment of sympathy on this earth, it was certainly to be found in Lilian Karney. She sympathized up to a certain point with her selfish brother and made allowance for him and his shortcomings which he dreamed not of. Of herself she hardly ever thought at all, and she was as unconscious of her personal charms as the nightingale is of its vocal sweetness. She was in truth one of those self forgetting beings who live more in the life of those about them than in their own, and she did good so far as her powers permitted without premeditation or effort. When her brother had wondered how she, a lady refined and intellectual, could bring herself to come in contact with the wretched, ignorant beings, old women, hideous and ragged, and often anything but agreeable to the olfactory sense, owing to the ghee wherewith they were often anointed, she simply looked astonished, and only answered that all she had ever thought about was their souls. In fact, Charles Karney, who would not have crossed the road to save a fellow creature from drowning, except for public opinion, satisfied such conscience as he had by saying that no doubt his sister enjoyed what she did. Why, then, should he interfere with her pleasures? Her money was in his factory, and all he had to do was to take care that she drew as little from him as possible.

Accompanied only by Nasiban, who generally formed Lilian's bodyguard on these missions of mercy, Lilian was now rapidly traversing some rice fields, on her way to the Hindoo woman who had expressed so earnest a desire to see her, and as she pressed on it is easy to perceive that she is no common mortal. Lilian was of the middle height, singularly fair and delicate of skin, with a somewhat aquiline profile that lost in softness what it suggested in force. Her hair was golden, and her eyes, of warm, sympathetic brown, reflected the innate kindness of her nature. In order the more readily to obtain admission into the houses of the people Lilian, greatly to her brother's annoyance, had adopted the costume of the country to some extent, wearing over her ordinary clothing a silk cloth about 12 yards long and a yard or two wide, one end gathered in folds held to the left side and the other end wound round the waist and brought up over the right shoulder and down the left side, where, being tucked in, it fell down the front in graceful folds.

Lilian were silk somewhat against her inclination, as she wore fine gold bangles on her arms, but she found certain advantages in being well dressed, she said, and a facility thence in gaining the ear of those who otherwise might have refused her an audience.

The Hindoo woman she was visiting had long since accepted her as an ustardin, or teacher, and would soon, Lilian believed, become formally a Christian. On approaching the house, therefore, she was surprised to see outside a young Hindoo female stooping down at the threshold and tracing white lines with flour—a charm, she well knew, intended to ward off evil. This woman had smeared her face and such part of her body as was uncovered with a solution of saffron and water to make herself look "fair." This was one of the superstitious rites from which Lilian had, she imagined, quite weaned her friends. The house was built of sun dried clay bricks, whitewashed with cinnam and having inside the entrance the usual room with a pial, or raised alcove, on each side for receiving visitors. Lilian, followed by Nasiban, went in, the Hindoo woman outside simply saying that they could enter.

There seemed, Lilian thought, something very strange about the place that day, but she was anxious to see her friend and hurried to the portion of the house set apart for females. She went in, and then, inured as she was to much that is trying and startling, she stood for a moment petrified. Before her, on an evident bier, in a half sitting posture and covered with bedclothes, she beheld her late pupil with the fatal groundrice and betel showing between her lips, and on her forehead the trident mark of Vishnu. Lilian knew well these sectarian marks made with sandalwood paste and used to denote what god is worshiped by the person who bears them. Her face flushed with a righteous indignation. She exclaimed in Tamil, "Who has dared to do this?" and stepping forward took her handkerchief and erased the symbol of idolatry. Then, taking some of the paste that she perceived in a jar close by, she made a cross on the brow of the dead woman, in the impulse of that passionate moment hardly thinking what she was doing.

While thus engaged a man, treading inaudibly on his shoeless feet and wearing the sacred thread hanging from his left shoulder to the right side, stole soft-

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ly in, and as Lilian drew back confronted her, asking in a low but peculiar tone, "Why have you done this?"

"Because she is Christ's," was the spontaneous reply, and the fearless and yet kind, compassionate eyes met his with a power that he felt though he would not yield to it.

"She is Vishnu's," he replied, and this time his voice was harsh and threatening.

"Had she lived," rejoined Lilian, "she would have been baptized. You know that she had learned to abhor your monstrous creeds and unbearable cruelties. You have no right to mark her with your idol signs."

"The mem sahib," said the Brahman gravely, "is unjust and illogical. Did you not teach your pupil that the hand of the Lord your God was all mighty and that his eyes see everywhere? Well, where is the difference in what you call our idols? You say there is no salvation without faith, but we have faith too. Why do you come here to vex our people and make them die, as this woman died, in despair?"

Lilian had encountered this Brahman before. He was Prohrada and had done more than any other native in that place to destroy the influence of her missionary efforts among them. She looked at him resolutely. "You mean," she said, "by dying miserably in despair that she did not die in your hideous medley of conflicting creeds. Let the work of Christ stay. Evil will certainly befall whoever dares to remove it."

Lilian drew herself up and looked defiantly at the Brahman, the more so as she knew that he would not pollute himself by touching a corpse, but the next moment she felt a kind of sickness come over her. Was it some emanation from the bier or was it the strange, fell, intensely penetrating eye of Prohrada?

Never had she seen such eyes as his before, never had she dreamed that human eyes could emit such a concentrated malignity and power of evil; never had she seen a man's eyes so like those of the dread cobra. She half turned away, and then was obliged to look again, and again she felt sick and weak. Those eyes shot out magnetic rays that fascinated her as the snake fascinates the bird. Prohrada remained silent, then his eyes strangely altered. They shrank up into their usual sly character, resembling eyes small black beads with only a trace of those latent fires which had seemed to scorch her very brain. He spoke as before gravely: "The mem sahib is brave, but not very kind or polite to our gods. I say she will come to our temple, and I say she will worship there, and I say, too, that she will offer up to Vishnu all the wealth that Sahib Karney, her brother, has taken from her. Oh, don't think that we poor Brahmans are ignorant idiots, that we know nothing, Christians! Why, in this country it is held impious to live in a street without a temple, but how many of your streets have temples? Christians!" And with that word, uttered in an insensely contemptuous tone, Prohrada left Lilian who reeled stood, for the first time in all her experience of missionary work among the natives thoroughly unnerved and frightened at she knew not what.

Returning to the bungalow, Lilian had encountered Ross. He perceived at once that something had happened, and although she was not as a rule given to speak of her own personal adventures, she little by little communicated the incident of her encounter with the Brahman. Ross felt and looked serious.

"Dear Lilian," he said—"let me so address you—believe me, I sympathize completely with all you do and desire. I know how hard you find it to live with your brother, and I know how utterly single minded you are, but you must not run into peril. Yours is a life too precious to be exposed to danger. You must not think that I am given up to worldly care as if life had nothing else. It is not so long since I thought what can it avail to convert even a few hundred out of those countless millions? I think and feel differently now. We have individually only individuals to consider, and I had meant to work and help you, but you must let me protect you as—as your brother would if he were only myself."

Ross felt and looked awkward as he got out these words, but Lilian received them in all simplicity, and rightly held them as sincere, which they were. She gave Ross her hand frankly and welcomed him as another helper on her side, and he felt within his secret self that now at all events to touch on the love he felt for this self denying girl so entirely absorbed in others would be a sort of profanity. No, he must work, hope and wait.

CHAPTER IV.

What one person wants in electricity is found in the superfluous charging of another. The profane said all the religion of the whole generation of the Karneys had somehow gone into Lilian. Doubtless—and Ross knew it well—there was a tincture of madness with her exaltation—at all events, in the sense that every form of true enthusiasm is a kind of insanity. Now that Charles, however, perceived that Ross began to play, as he rudely termed it, "the serious young man," his vexation became very apparent.

"It was quite bad enough in my sister," he broke forth on Ross excusing himself from dinner on the plea of attending with Lilian a native prayer meeting, "but to have you, a grown man, meddling and muddling in such tomfoolery passes patience. Can't you leave the natives alone? They're much better as they were—confounded liars at the best, but if they turn Christian they'll be positively past endurance."

"I think, Mr. Karney," said Ross coldly, "that we will not discuss further a subject on which we cannot agree. If more were like your sister, there would be few liars in the world. The fact is, Christians at your stamp cannot bear to see even an approach of the real thing they profess."

"Oh, preaching be hanged!" was the profane and rude reply. "But one thing, young man, let me warn you that this is a dangerous place to go and try proselyting. I wouldn't, I can assure you."

"I am quite sure you wouldn't," said Ross, who could not help laughing at the bare idea.

Meanwhile Lilian, aided much by Ross, pursued her mission with more success than ever among some of the natives employed by her brother, and after a time the threat of Prohrada the Brahman and his sinister boasts were entirely forgotten.

For some time matters at the bungalow had gone on more harmoniously. Even Charles Karney, immersed as he was in his manufacture and business, began to feel a certain respect for the zeal and exertions of his "missionary sister and his missionary partner," as he called them, and, what is more, he contributed, to the amazement of both, sundry small sums of his own "for the good of the cause."

"Contributions from you," cried Lilian, "are welcome. I'm sure we can overcome everything, including the Brahmans themselves—our old enemies—when we have your support."

Her brother reddened and turned away his face. Truth to tell, he was beginning to feel a little ashamed of himself and to think that if his sister should chance to prove right, then, indeed, he would be found terribly wrong, and he was ready now to admit that her converts wrought much more effectively in the fields than the followers of Vishnu.

It was night, and all had retired to rest in the bungalow. Ross had been very fatigued during the day visiting and selling indigo, and he had retired to his charpo (a low bedstead) before he left.

He slept at once, but slept only to dream. It happened that that day Lilian had been telling him of some of the many incarnations of Vishnu, especially his appearance in the form of a man lion, out of a pillar of a palace, which Hiranyakasipu, a profane monarch, struck, sneeringly asking why, if Vishnu indeed were everywhere, he was not present at that particular pillar too. This dream or nightmare was a prelude to others, and Ross suddenly found himself awake out of a medley of dreams, natural and supernatural conflicts with the echo of a cry in his ears. He could not tell whether he had heard it sleeping or waking, but the more he reflected the more he fancied that it must be the latter.

He rose and roused the native lying across his doorway, who had heard nothing; but, impelled by an uncontrollable feeling of apprehension, Ross rode out on the passage and listened. Then he passed on to the door of Lilian. It stood wide open, and looking in he saw the apartment in evident confusion. The bed was in disorder, and evidently the occupant had left the room suddenly. As he looked the threat of the Brahman flashed into his memory, and a cold sweat stood on his forehead. He felt the bed. It was warm. There was not a moment to lose. He could not stay to explain to Karney, for he hoped by following at once to overtake the naughty girl who had in some way been drawn forth to what he knew not. Slipping back to his room, he thrust into his bosom a very long bladed knife he carried on occasions of danger, and, scarcely thinking, but feeling only that a crisis had come, he went out into the night and peered into the darkness. The bungalow stood on an eminence quite isolated, and thence only one beaten path led to the village and temple. If, as he feared, Lilian was being drawn by some strange influence thither, he must be close behind her, although the darkness was too thick for him to see aught ahead, and he hurried down the slope with torturing thoughts in his brain. He had heard, as all residents in India among the natives must hear, of the extraordinary occult powers possessed and exercised by some of the illuminated priests, and he thrilled to think that if Lilian were being called forth by some occult power, then, too, his presence might be known also. But as he hurried on he grew more cool and suddenly remembered what he had quite forgotten—that Lilian a day or two before had remarked to him: "Do you know, David, lately I have had such a strange feeling. I have actually wanted to visit the temple and see these foolish ceremonies again. Is it not silly? But I feel, as if I could not keep out, I of all people." And she laughed in a way so natural that at the time he had thought nothing of the matter.

Now, in the darkness of the night, and alone in the deserted road with the memory of that cry in his brain and the sudden disappearance of Lilian, the whole thing came back with an overpowering force. Was it not possible, he thought, through an overwrought brain, excited by over pressure and exaltation of the feelings, Lilian might become so possessed with the idea that she must go to the temple that at last the idea had produced a somnambulistic effect and had sent her forth? Anyway this took the incident out of the supernatural region into that of reason, and he hurried on, determined to search the whole road and if necessary rouse the village.

However near to the truth may have been the conjecture of Ross, it is certain he was closer on Lilian's track than he had imagined, for when more than half way to the temple, of which one of its corner gopurams, or towers, was now in view, faintly outlined against the dark sky, his eyes, now used to the gloom, discerned the outline of a white dress, and he felt sure it was Lilian who was gliding far before him. He quickened his pace, but to his surprise she did the same, only her motion continued to be that of a swift gliding along rather than walking. She was near the tower, he fancied, and now as he saw her form sweeping on thither he redoubled his speed and once or twice called out. Whether it was that he had exhausted himself in the chase or that the horror of what seemed to him now the working of some awful, subtle, wicked power had temporarily paralyzed his voice he knew not, but he was conscious that his efforts to call were little more than a whisper or a gasp, and this, so common in nightmares, curiously enough made him f

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SMETHPORT, PA., January 25th, 1897.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE BOROUGH OF SMETHPORT:

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Assistant Law Judge of the 55th Judicial District, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

THOMAS A. MCMAHON.

THE pension agencies have been reduced one-half, or from 18 to 9. Pension Agent Francis claims this will save the government $100,000 annually.

LAST Wednesday the two Houses of Congress met and made public declaration of the election of Mr. McKinley as President of the United States, according to the constitution.

MARK MCKINLEY seems to be taking pretty good care of the west in his cabinet. Has anybody heard what Pennsylvania is to get in the cabinet? —Harrisburg Telegraph. Nix.

JO CHAMAN is allowed to take part in a New York's celebration until he has paid all his debts. A custom of this kind in other countries would insure a quiet holiday.—Globe Democrat.

THE great criminal lawyer of New York, Charles W. Brooks, died early last Sunday morning. He had a national reputation in criminal law that was never excelled by any attorney at the American bar.

THE laws being passed by our present State legislature ought in all reason to be the Simon pure article, as our law makers are now pleasantly domiciled in Grace church. Surroundings ought to have a telling effect on our representatives for good.

GROVER CLEVELAND has succeeded in removing the surplus that gave him such a nightmare in 1896, and caused him to write his celebrated free trade message to Congress, the consequence of which has been to deplete Uncle Sam's pocketbook until he feels as poor as the oft-referred-to church mouse.

THE danger of having the capitol removed from Harrisburg will have the effect of rousing that staid old burg from its Rip Van Winkle sleep that it has been enjoying for almost a century. They will realize the fact that they must keep up with the procession or lose the pleasure of having the legislature quartered there.

OUR criticism of the new treasury notes is that their general appearance gives the impression of a thunder storm. The engraver used dark shades too freely, but the skies will soon clear in spite of that.—Globe Democrat. This is an evidence of the mournful condition of the country, over the incompetency of the present administration. No wonder the green back is dressed in the garb of mourning.

THE candidacy of Judge Morrison, of McKean county, for a second term beginning next January is very favorably received by all Republican, Democratic and Prohibition papers in his bailiwick. In fact he will have a walkover for the office, and will not have any serious opposition—if any. This is as it should be. Judge Morrison is eminently qualified and capable and is deservedly popular and successful.—Warren Mail.

DEMOCRATIC control of our government is drawing to a close, and, strange as it may seem, that same party branches a sigh of thankfulness that its leader has not been able to commit any more damage. There is no question that if left alone the destruction would have been greater, but an overruling providence restrained their actions and would not allow them to drag the nation entirely into bankruptcy. The whole country, including Democracy, says amen at the retirement of the present incumbents.

THE Philadelphia papers are advocating the moving of the capitol to the city of Brotherly Love. It would require at least two years before the question could be legally settled, then it would take several years more in the construction of a building. Consequently the State would be left for years without any place in which the legislature could meet. The grounds at Harrisburg, where the capitol stood, are fine and excellently located, good drainage and everything desired. Now let our legislators devise some means of raising the necessary funds and erect a substantial building suitable for the great State of Pennsylvania, and the people will abide by the result if properly projected and constructed.

FOR many years past there has appeared in the editorial and news columns of the Oil City Derrick various articles reflecting on the business, social and political character and integrity of Lewis Emery, Jr. Mr. Boyle, the editor of the Oil City Derrick, was indicted and convicted for the publication of certain of such articles and a civil suit was instituted by Mr. Emery against P. C. Boyle for damages for such publications. This litigation has now been adjusted and Mr. Boyle now voluntarily retracts in toto all statements and things which he has said derogatory to the character, standing and responsibility of Lewis Emery, published by him or under his direction in the past. Mr. Boyle is fully satisfied that such articles have been published under a misapprehension of the facts and is satisfied that Mr. Emery has been wronged and should be vindicated, and this retraction should be published freely as such. And as many of such articles have been republished in various papers in this country and Europe it is the desire of Mr. Boyle that this retraction shall be as freely and fully published as the original articles reflecting on him.

NO NECESSARY change in business appears, like the number of unemployed establishments starting much exceeds the number of those stopping during the week, and so much that the employment or working time in many active mills probably does not lessen the aggregate productive force or amount of wages paid. There is distinct business in orders for woolen goods, some gain in the silk manufactures, a vastly increased call with gain in one branch of hosiery and shoes, and indications of better things coming in the iron and steel manufactures. All symptoms are favorable to the money market, and a large sale of securities in connection with the Northern Pacific and Oregon Navigation interests in European purchasers will put off still further the possibility of gold exports. It is also encouraging evidence of confidence among thoughtful investors.—Bradstreet.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb'y 8, 1897.—The most important event of this week in Congress will be the counting of the electoral vote by the two Houses of Congress in joint session. Representative Murray, the colored member from South Carolina, has announced his intention to enter a protest against the counting of the vote of that State, on the ground that the State has not a constitutional Republican form of government. Mr. Murray says he has made up his mind to this course in deference to the wishes of his constituents and without consulting with the Republican leaders in Congress. If his protest, which must be made in writing, be signed by one Senator, it will be necessary to stop the counting of the votes until the House and Senate in separate session shall decide the validity of the protest. So far as known the protest has not yet been signed by a Senator.

The immigration bill will have to go back to the House, as the Senate rejected the conference report on the bill and further amended it by providing that illiterate wives and minor children of immigrants who can meet the requirements of the bill may be admitted. It was stated that Mr. Cleveland had said that he would veto the bill if it were sent to him with the clause which would have admitted the husband who could read and shut out his wife and children over 16 years of age who could not left in it. It was also that clause upon which most of the opposition to the bill in the House was based; consequently the bill is now reasonably certain to become a law.

A conference with Speaker Reed and other Republican members of the House having convinced the Senators who have advocated the Nicaragua Canal Bill that the bill would not even be considered by the House at this session, no matter whether the Senate passed it or not, those gentlemen have decided to drop the canal bill and allow it to join the great aggregation of legislative might-have-beens.

Senator Sherman has announced his intention to endeavor to get the Senate to take up the arbitration treaty for consideration at once, but there are several reasons which make it doubtful whether the Senate will during the present session devote enough time to the treaty to dispose of it. The session is rapidly drawing to a close, and besides the appropriation bills there are a number of other important measures upon which the Senate ought to act. In addition there is a growing opposition to the treaty among silver Senators.

Two members of the Canadian government, the minister of trade and commerce and the minister of marine and fisheries, arrived in Washington authorized to offer certain trade concessions in exchange for duties low enough in the new tariff bill to allow Canadian farmers to dispose of their products in the United States just in time to learn that the ways and means committee had informally agreed to the agricultural schedule which prescribes duties high enough to practically shut the Canadian farmers out of our market. They will endeavor to secure a reconsideration on the part of the committee by offering special inducements in the way of concessions to certain of our goods and products, but the committee has already gone over the matter very carefully and been convinced that Canadian competition was ruining our farmers, in sections of the country, without being of any special benefit to anybody except the Canadians, under the low duties of the present tariff bill, and it is not likely to change.

In their zeal to give their papers the news of the progress that is being made on the tariff bill some well meaning Washington correspondents have been making a great deal of unnecessary trouble for the committee by sending the rates left in schedules that have been informally considered by the committee to their papers with the statement that they have been definitely agreed upon. Neither Chairman Dingley or any other member of the committee will consider any duty definitely decided upon until the entire bill is ready to be reported. They do not wish to be commended or condemned for fractions of the bill but for the whole measure, which will be made public when it is completed.

The Senate committee on elections having decided not to propose the DuPont case, no objection was made to the swearing in of Senator Kenney, when his credentials were presented, although Senator Chandler took advantage of the occasion to state his belief that the seat belonged rightfully to Col. DuPont, a belief, it is needless to say, that is shared by every Republican Senator, and which was voted by them at the last session when the Populists joined the Democrats and refused by a bare majority to allow Col. DuPont to be seated.

ONE of the matters that should claim a larger share of the attention of Mr. Jewett parents, is where do the boys of this town from the ages of sixteen to twenty-one years get the whiskey that is fast becoming a feature of the sleighing parties and outings of all kinds participated in by the young men in question. There is a notorious by had odor surrounding one or more men who are in the habit of getting bottles filled for the accommodation of others who from their youth or lack of "pull" are not in position to get whiskey themselves. A continuance in this line will subject the aforesaid "men" to a great amount of trouble if the facts are brought to the attention of the court, which will be the outcome if the practice is continued in.—Mt. Jewett Herald.

Neighbor, you have touched the proper chord. There is nothing under the sun that has such a tendency to mar our social relation as the matter referred to. The evil effects that follow are beyond the comprehension of the most astute observers of the dangers that surround our young people under the circumstances referred to above.

Not long ago a farmer who lives three miles from here, came to my store before breakfast and bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Cure. He said their little boy had a bad cold, and as they had used what they had in the house his wife would not let him go to plow until he came and got another bottle. The little boy, who was with him, remarked: "Now I will soon be well, for Chamberlain's 'stuff' medicine always cures me." R. C. McElroy, Black Hawk, Va. In speaking of this remedy Mr. McElroy said people came from far and near to his store to get it, and many of them would not know what to do with out it. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Washington Excursion.

The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will sell tickets to Washington and return at one fare for the round trip account of the inauguration of President McKinley. Tickets will be sold March 1, 2 and 3, good to return until March 8. Special Pullman sleeping car will run through without change from stations on Buffalo division 3 afternoon train March 3, arriving at Washington morning of March 4. Sleeping car space should be engaged at the earliest possible moment. To insure accommodations apply to W. N. Y. & P. local agents for berths and further information, or write S. R. Newton, Eastern Agent, Buffalo, N. Y.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Coles grove, Smethport. A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

Cash Register and coin for sale cheap inquire of DR. BURG CHADWICK.

A MONUMENTAL FAILURE.

If public opinion amounts to anything Grover Cleveland will crawl out at the little end of the horn next month. Never has a President gone out of office without a party. This is what President Cleveland will do March 4th. He has nothing behind him but a few thousand national Democrats the country through. This is due to his mismanagement, politically speaking. He has driven away the chief men of the Democratic party and they have sought a new leader. He has divided them on the tariff and on the financial issue. He has made enemies of his sforetime best friends. Had he been like other leaders he would in some way have guided the masses to a coalition in his favor. The issues would have been preserved in some way, and there would have been no important defection. The ability to do this may partake largely of statesmanship, but it certainly has to do with the art of politics. So that failing in this, President Cleveland has woefully failed both in statesmanship and politics.

But before the people, the plain people, he has also failed. Some of them believed him for a long time to be honest. In his last message he spoke of the "surplus" now existing in the treasury. He knew there was no genuine surplus when he wrote that word. He knew that he had been issuing bonds for current expenditures and that what remained of the proceeds of these bonds is what he called the "surplus." Such a method would be denounced in a court of bankruptcy as a wilful attempt to deceive. But on the Pacific coast he interfered with the sentence of a train wrecker sent up for railroad riots. Nevertheless he invaded Illinois with United States troops to put down Debs. And now, within a few days it has been discovered that a man he made Assistant Attorney General is a murderer. This failure before the people is a monumental one. He who had a reputation for honesty in public life has lost it.

The bogus Grover Cleveland, statesman, diplomatist, honest reformer and all that, has paraded long enough in his borrowed plumes. He is nothing more or less than a politician. A mere politician is inferior to a real statesman. This is not to be successfully denied. But when statesman is denied President Cleveland, the question will recur whether he has not been, altogether, an unsuccessful politician. This question will have also to be answered in the negative. It was good fortune that led from the sheriff's chair to that of mayor, and from that position to the governorship of New York. It was but a logical movement to name him for President, for a man who happened to carry New York State by a then unprecedented majority was no small factor in a national contest depending largely upon New York's electoral vote. The result, however, is not attributable to Mr. Cleveland's politics, but to what may be described as unadulterated luck.—Wellsboro Gazette (Dem.)

Comment on the above is unnecessary. Evidently the four years of clover so exultantly promised by the Democratic journals did not materialize.

THE PUBLIC WOULD APPROVE.

"Wanamaker for Postmaster General" may not after all be an impossibility. A Philadelphia correspondent sets forth that in a general way it has been known for months that Mr. McKinley has felt aggrieved over the political fight in Pennsylvania for the United States Senatorship, and to heal this pending factional war the incoming President has resolved in his heart to bring order out of confusion. He no doubt has the highest regard for both Mr. Wanamaker and Mr Penrose, but it is well known that Mr Thomas Dolan and Hon. John Wanamaker have great influence with Mr. McKinley, and to place both of these factions in a harmonious condition has been uppermost in his mind for some time. The plan was settled in the library of the Ohio statesman in this way; that he would not meddle in the fight between Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Penrose, but would let the people take their own way in the matter. But when the struggle was over he decided to make Mr. Wanamaker postmaster general. Wanamaker is very capable and well qualified to fill this position, but the question now comes will this set le the factional trouble in our State? There will be a great effort made to defeat the anti combine candidate for State Senator to fill the vacancy of Senator Penrose, who has just resigned from the State Senate. To avoid all of this it is rumored that Mr. McKinley has made both factions agree to become harmonious, or he will not give either any federal patronage. Should Mr. McKinley make this appointment, and all parties and factions not be satisfied, there will no doubt be political hair pulling in the State for some time to come. It was known some days ago that before Mr. Magee and Mr. Flynn went to Canton Mr. Doland and Mr. Blankenburg had made a visit to that city. Putting all of these facts and rumors together it is certain that Mr. Wanamaker is slated for his old position of postmaster general. The question rests as to which will be most powerful in State politics during the next four years, the 133 who voted for Penrose, or the 76 who voted for Mr. Wanamaker. If Mr. Wanamaker should be postmaster general he will be in a position to do much in the way of filling the various post offices and subordinate appointments throughout the State.—Bradford Record.

Reduced Rates to Washington on Account of the Inauguration via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3 and 4, valid to return March 4 to 8, at the following rates:

From Buffalo, $11.50; Rochester, $11.00; Wellington, N. Y., $11.70; Newark, N. Y., $11.30; Canandaigua, $11.00; Penn Yan, $11.00; Watkins, $11.00; Elmira, $10.75; Erie, 11.00; Corry, $10.75; Warren, $10.75; Williamsport, $8.70; Wilkesbarre, $8.40, and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

The old way of delivering messages by post-boys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of breaking colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF Administrator, Executors and Guardians having been settled in the office of the Register, in and for the County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, the same will be presented for confirmation at an Orphan's Court to be held at Smethport, in and for said county, on the 23rd day of February, A. D., 1897, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon:

First and final account of C. D. Coman, executor of the last will and testament of Polly V. Coman, deceased.

First and final account of Geo. Winkler, executor of the last will and testament of Jeremiah Shea, deceased.

First and final account of Gilbert Moody, administrator c. t. a., of the estate of Franklin Mills, deceased.

First and partial account of C. D. Coleman and F. M. Coleman, administrators of the estate of Harmon Coleman, deceased.

First and final account of John Lincoln, administrator of the estate of W. S. Lincoln, deceased.

First and final account of L. C. Dorrance, administrator of the estate of F. E. Johnson, deceased.

First and final account of Sheridan Gates, Guardian of the person and estate of Alonzo E. Gates, minor child of John B. Gates late of Lafayette township, McKean county, Pa., deceased.

First and final account of Cora M. Brigham, administratrix of the estate of Ernst A. Brigham, deceased.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Register.
E. M. CHEATE, Deputy.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 30, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI Facias, Levari Facias and A Fieri Facias Ad Respondendum, Alias Fieri Facias, Alias Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, FEB. 22, 1897,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1.

Defendant's interest in all that parcel and lot of land situate in the township of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows; Beginning in the east line of Bennett brook road; thence east 207.4 feet; thence south 1 degree east 453.3 feet; thence west 196.46 feet; thence south 1 degree east 358.16 feet parallel with Bennett street; thence west 37.32 feet to east line of Bennett brook road; thence along said line 463.13 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 1.77 acres more or less, being part of lot known as Edson lot, excepting and reserving a certain lot of land conveyed by W. C. Nye and wife to L. M Finney by deed bearing date September 28th, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book 37, page 473 &c. Also excepting and reserving another lot of land conveyed by W. C Nye and wife to the Young Men's Bible Association, dated the 1st day of December 28th, 1891, and recorded in the office of the Recorder in and for McKean county in Deed Book 12 page 520 &c., and being same premises conveyed by Annie Edson to W. C. Nye by deed dated December 28th, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county in Deed Book 13, page 80 &c. Improved and having thereon two one story frame dwelling houses, one one and one-half story frame dwelling house, one green houses, one barn and usual outbuildings.

ALSO—All that piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Bradford, McKean county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at northeast corner of Shaw lot on Bennett street; thence along west side of Bennett street 207 feet to the southeast corner of Libbie story lot; thence west 135.4 feet; thence southeast 105.4 feet along Bennett brook road to the northwest corner of new lot; thence northeast 71.2 feet to the place of beginning. Being lot 3, Lyon survey, and part of Annis Edson lot and being same premises conveyed by Annis Edson by Loyal Ward, trustee, to W. C. Nye and B. A. Fiet by deed dated June 22nd, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county in Deed Book 11, page 20 &c. Improved and having thereon the two one-story frame dwelling houses and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Wm. C. Nye at the suit of David J. Nye.

J. M. McClure, plaintiff's attorney.

2.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate lying and being in the township of Hamilton, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post on the north bank of the Morrison Run and the east side of the O. H. and W. railroad; running thence along said railroad north 45 degrees 30 minutes west forty-four and one-seventh rods to an angle; thence south 31 degrees west forty and six-tenths rods to a post; thence north 65 degrees 30 minutes east fifteen and thirty-three one hundredths rods to a post on west side of public highway; thence south 30 degrees 30 minutes east twelve and seventy-seven hundredths rods to a post; thence south 12 degrees 30 minutes east twenty-five and twenty-seven hundredths rods to a post; thence south 31 degrees east thirty-six rods to a post and place of beginning. Containing seven acres and ninety-six square perches of land, more or less, excepting and reserving however out of the above granted all the petroleum, rock or carbon oil, gas and other minerals in and under said described land with all the rights necessarily appertaining in order to fully enjoy the said premises for the purpose of mining, storing and removing the same. Also excepting and reserving from the force and operation of this conveyance full right, title and possession of a portion of the above described lands as follows: Beginning at a post in the north bank of the creek mentioned as the place of beginning; thence along the railroad north 45 degrees 30 minutes west fifty-nine and ninety feet; thence north 65 degrees 30 minutes west fifteen and thirty-three one hundredths rods to a post on west side of said line of said land; thence south same and east line to the place of beginning, being same lands this day conveyed by second party to first parties hereto improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings, a few fruit trees, well of water in house.

Also—All the right, title and interest of the said parties of the first part both in their own right and as heirs and heir-at-law of James Cobbett, deceased, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the township of Hamilton, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of school house lot No. 6; thence north 48 degrees west seventeen rods and five links; thence north 47½ degrees east 14 rods and ten links; thence north 14½ degrees east ten rods; thence north 29 degrees east twenty rods; thence north 15½ degrees east ten rods and six links; thence north 37 degrees west sixty rods; thence due north to county line; thence east on county line to lands of James Anderson; thence bounded on the east by lands of James Anderson and the Morrison estate; on the south by the Morrison estate and the north line of school house lot No. 6 to the place of beginning. Containing one hundred and one acres of land, more or less, being part of Warrant 2358 and same premises conveyed to the said James Cobbett, deceased, by William J. Bartlett in 1869. Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, woods, ways, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and the reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof. Improved and having thereon one one and one-half story frame dwelling house, one frame barn, a small orchard about 40 acres improved and well watered.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Charles H. Cobbett, Mary J. Cobbett and H. H Cobbett at the suit of L. M. Mead, assignee of the J. N. Norton Supply Co.

Sheridan Gorton, plaintiff's attorney.

3.

Defendant's interest in a piece of land in the township of Wetmore, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a post and stones in the center of the road, the northwest corner of Annie Seiling' ten acre lot;—Thence west sixty rods to a post;—Thence south eighty-two rods to a post;—Thence east sixty rods to a post and 3 stones;—Thence north eighty-two rods along Annie Seiling' line to the place of beginning. Containing thirty and seven-tenths acres, about twenty-five acres improved.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of John Seilin at the suit of Axel Peterson.

A. F. Huey Plaintiff's attorney.

4.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in Hamlin township McKean county and state of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. 5690 being part of Lot No 23 of the G. H. Lyons survey of 1885:—Beginning at a post on the north side of Mt. St. Lever road marking the southeast corner of lands of Charles Jackson: Thence along land of said Jackson N. 1 degree, 45 minutes west 184 rods to a post corner: Thence N. 88 degrees, 30 minutes, E. 96 47-100 rods to a post in the line of lot 24: Thence along said line S. 1 degree, 50 minutes E. 18 rods to the north side of the Big Level road: Thence along said road to the place of beginning, containing 17 7-10 acres more or less.

Reserving however the right of way of the B. L. & B. R. R., a strip 60 feet wide 30 feet each side of the centre of the track, making about 1-5 of an acre more or less.

Reserving also the spring lot as per assignment made to E. K. Kane by Chris Carlson, March 1st, 1886, as included within the aforesaid lands, beginning at a post in the line of lot 24-40-4 10 rods from the southeast corner of this Lot:—Thence south 15 degrees, 30 minutes west 24-9-10 rods; thence south 3 degrees, 30 minutes east 10 rods:—Thence north 46 degrees, 3 minutes east 25 rods to the line of Lot 24:—Thence along said line to the place of beginning, and subject to the reservations and rights as mentioned in Deed from Andrew Jackson to John O Johnson dated December 13th, 1886 and recorded in Deed Book No. 61 at page 113 etc and subject to the right of way of the Olde Wax Fire Co., Limited. Improved and having thereon about fifty fruit trees, one water well, one two-story frame house with ell, one small barn, one frame barn and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of J. O Johnson at the suit of H. C. Saunders and L. C. Rose, Executors Estate of W. J. Colegrove deceased.

Jno. N. Apple plaintiffs' attorney.

5.

Defendant's interest in all that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the borough of Kane, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Being a lot number one hundred and two (102) on the south side of Haines street, being fifty by one hundred and fifty (50x150) feet; adjoining a vacant lot of Evan O'Neil Kane on the west; lot of Evan Johnson on the east; alley on the south, and Haines street on the north. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame house with ell and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of G. N. Jackson at the suit of P. A. Lyle, cashier First National Bank, for use of J. H. Grover.

H. E. Shaffer, plaintiff's attorney.

6.

Defendant's interest in a lot of land situate in Eldred township, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, containing twenty-five (25) acres, more or less, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a post at northeast corner of land contracted to S. A. Canfield on No 280; thence west 87 perches to a post at the northwest corner of the same; thence north 36 perches to a seal corner; thence west 36 perches to a hemlock the southeast corner of land contracted to E. H. Percival, lot No. 288; thence north 9 perches; thence east 91 perches to a post, thence south 81 perches to the place of beginning, subject however to certain reservations mentioned in a contract for sale and lease given by J. A. Winsor to George W. Windsor, dated May 1st, 1896, said contract being on file in the Prothonotary's office of McKean county, in No. 210, February term, 1897. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame house with ell, one board barn and outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of G. W. Windsor at the suit of J. A. Winsor.

E. E. Mayo, plaintiff's attorney.

7.

Defendant's interest in all of the following described real estate, to-wit:

FIRST. All that certain piece and parcel of land situate in Bradford city, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a post on the westside of Hill street, the same being the southeast corner of Tobin lot (formerly owned by Henry Lamphere); thence west along Hill of Tobin lot seventy (70) feet to a post in line of Perkins and Alma lot; thence southwardly along said line twenty-five (25) feet to a post; thence east seventy (70) feet more or less to a post in line of High street; thence north on a one line of High street twenty-five (25) feet to place of beginning. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame house and usual outbuildings.

SECOND. All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the township of Hamilton, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the west line of High street, being the southeast corner of lot above described; thence west along land above described to southwest corner thereof; thence southwardly along land of Perkins and Alma twenty-five (25) feet more or less to a post; thence east seventy-five (75) feet more or less to a post in line of High street; thence north along west line of High street twenty-five (25) feet to place of beginning. Improved and having thereon one one and a half story cottage, one frame stable and usual outbuildings.

The two parcels of land above described being same lands conveyed by C. E. Lapham and wife to Sadie Mahoney, by deed dated June 25th, 1892, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county), August 16th, 1892, in Deed Book Vol. 59, page 146, &c.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Sarie MacElhany at the suit of W. C. McKean and Mrs. M. A. Adams.

M. Sullivan, plaintiff's attorney.

8.

Defendant's interest in the following: The building is a two story frame dwelling house situate on the Third ward, city of Bradford at No. 94 Bank street in the said city of Bradford. The land on which said building is set is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron post on the south side of Bank street one hundred and fifty (150) feet more or less west of Pearl street; thence south one hundred (100) feet; thence west thirty-three (33) feet; thence north one hundred (100) feet to Bank street; thence east along Bank street thirty-three (33) feet to the place of beginning. Containing three thousand three hundred (3,300) square feet, and being a part of the said conveyed to Angelo Nenci by Daniel Kingsbury and wife by deed dated December 18th, A. D. 1886, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for said county of McKean, and he A. W. Newell and wife conveyed to Anna J. Nelson.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of E. M Nelson and Anna J. Nelson, his wife, owners or reputed owner and contractor, at the suit of Geo. A. Bodine.

M. H. Byles, plaintiff's attorney.

9.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the township of Lafayette, county of McKean and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described as follows, to-wit: Being building lot No. 72 as per plan of Whitney and Chapman of Lewis Run, McKean county, Pennsylvania, recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, Pa., in Deed Book 3, page 90. Being the same property sold by the Lafayette Manufacturing Company to W. Lamb, by deed bearing date March 2nd, 1894. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house, used as a store room and dwelling house, and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of M. Lamb at the suit of Guss Herbig

C. E. Judd, plaintiff's attorney.

10.

Defendant's interest in all those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land situate in the borough of Kane, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

FIRST. A large part of Warrant 3166 and being lot No. 11 on Haines street: Beginning at a post in the north line of Haines street 50 feet from the north set corner of Haines and Yarnell streets; thence parallel to Yarnell street north 29 degrees west 145 feet to a post; thence parallel to Haines street north 30 degrees east 50 feet to a post; thence parallel to Yarnell street south 29 degrees, 145 feet to a post; thence by the north side of Haines street thirty feet from the center line thereof) south 30 degrees west 50 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 7250 square feet more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to the said James G. Lewis by Evan O Kane by deed dated May 9th, 1891, and recorded in Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 61, page 287, etc., on July 13th, 1891. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame house and usual outbuildings.

SECOND. Being part of Warrant No. 3166 and being lot No. 61 on Clay street: Beginning at a post in the west line of Clay street 150 feet from the southwest corner of Clay and Hyssrod streets; thence by the west line of Clay street thirty feet from the center line thereof) south 30 degrees east 66 feet to a post; thence at right angles therefrom south 60 degrees west 150 feet; thence parallel to Clay street north 30 degrees west 66 feet; thence at right angles therefrom north 60 degrees east 150 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 9900 square feet of land more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to the said James G. Lewis by Elizabeth D. Kane by deed dated January 31st, 1896 and intended to be recorded. Improved and having thereon one two story frame house with ell, one shop and usual outbuildings.

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of J. G Lewis at the suit of The Ridgway Building and Loan Association.

S. C. MacEwen and F. H. Ely, plaintiff's attorneys.

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport Pa., Feb. 4, 1897

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 173, June Term, 1896.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Dora A. Guild did, on the 1st day of April, 1897, prefer her petition to our said Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Dora E. Guild, and show cause, if any you have why the said Dora B. Guild, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

H. H. Byles, Libellant's Attorneys.

Smethport, Pa., Jan 23, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 230, October Term, 1896.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Sarah J. Lorenz did on the 1st day of September, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Philip Lorenz

We therefore command you, the said Philip Lorenz, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Sarah J Lorenz, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F DAVIS, Sheriff.

W. E. Bizzle, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan 23, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 163, October Term, 1896.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania, to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Wm. H. Aiken did, on the 21st day of July, 1896, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Jennie A. Aiken.

We therefore command you, the said Jennie A. Aiken, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of William H. Aiken and show cause, if any you have, why the said William H. Aiken, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

S. W. Smith, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 23, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 105, June Term, 1896.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Wilhelmina Frychholm by her next friend, H. Holm, did, on the 13th day of March 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Axel Theodor Frychholm.

We therefore command you, the said Axel Theodor Frychholm, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Wilhelmina Frychholm, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F DAVIS, Sheriff.

H. C. MacEwen, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 26, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 4, October Term, 1896.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Margaret M. Darrison by her next friend, Geo Pritchford, did, on the 1st day of June, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Oliver H. Darrison.

We therefore command you, the said Oliver H. Darrison, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Margaret M. Darrison, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Margaret M. Darrison, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F DAVIS, Sheriff.

H. H. Byles, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 26, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 203, October Term, 1896.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Jane Ann Cole did on the 31st day of August 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Joseph Crandall Cole

We therefore command you, the said Joseph Crandall Cole, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of Jane Ann Cole and show cause, if any you have, why the said Jane Ann Cole, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

H. B. Rogers, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 23, 1897.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETters of Administration on the estate of Ira H. Gleason, late of Smethport, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to H. C. Gleason, Sr., residing in Smethport, said county, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

H. C. GLEASON,
Administrator.

Jan 29, 1897.—6t.

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Jan 8. 1897

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, FEB. 13, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—The music at St. Luke's last Sunday was grand.

—Mrs. H. Hamlin entertained the Glee Club Tuesday evening.

—Last Tuesday night the Bees swarmed at Kane in countless numbers.

—Mrs John Forrest gave a very pleasant whist party Saturday evening.

—Ford's Red Front of Olean has great bargains to offer in this week's issue.

—Commodore Pierce is at work at the Pierce House. Let's go down and see.

—"Trixa, or Beyond the Rockies", at the opera house Tuesday evening. Don't miss it.

—One little prod from the MINER will set our down town contemporary in an uproar.

—Gleason has a change in his adv. this week. Gleason can suit you in prices and pictures.

—The citizens of Emporium are going in thoroughly test that section for gas in the near future.

—The much talked about P. C. Boyle vs. L. Emery libel suit was settled Tuesday by agreement.

—The longest distance telephone in the world is 1,000 miles, between Boston and Memphis, ears s an exchange.

—Conductor Frank Richmond, as usual, on Monday brought over a train load of prominent Bradfordites to attend court.

—Katie will soon put on metropolitan airs. A new opera house is nearing completion and will be known as the Lyceum.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs Alfred Peterson last Monday, a bright little girl. At last reports mother and child were doing finely.

—The conservatory of D. C. Young on upper Main street presents a very attractive appearance at night when lighted by brilliant gas jets.

—Edwin Grimes of Roulette, and Miss Mina Chandler of Port Allegany, were joined in wedlock by Justice Beardsley at Olean Monday.

—The Practical Farmer and the MINER for $1.75 per year. The Practical Farmer alone is worth ten times that amount to any tiller of the soil.

—Jamestown is entitled to the cake for Filipinian babies. An exchange mentions one that was born there recently that weighed one pound and four ounces.

—Anna Barrickman and Lizzie Reilly both of Bradford were brought to jail last Friday on a bench warrant charging them with selling liquor without license.

—List of letters remaining the in postoffice for the week ending Feb 6: Fabia Celerskold, Mrs. Lizzie Grouls and James Randle. Say "advertised" when calling.

—James Quirk is the proud possessor of a new and stylish Portland cutter, in which he is riding around the district soliciting votes for his election as school director.

—The school directors of Pennsylvania will meet in convention at Harrisburg sometime during this month. Important questions relative to educational matters will be discussed.

—To-night an elegant supper will be furnished at the Baptist Parsonage for the low price of 15 cents to adults, children 10 cents. This benefit is gotten up for the pastor's salary.

—Miss Katharine Clemmons, the actress known as Miss Viola Dayton, ought to be able to rule the wind, as her sweetheart, Howard Gould, has ordered for her a fan costing $100 000.

—Our band boys will keep open house at the opera house on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Feb. 22. 23 and 24. Good music will be furnished and a pleasant time is assured to all.

—The Misses Brennan, in honor of Miss Baker, entertertalined a number of young friends at their home last Wednesday evening. Miss Baker leaves for her home in Buffalo to-morrow afternoon.

—Last Tuesday a coroner's jury at Coudersport, in the case of Mrs. Mark Ellsworth on the charge of murdering her baby, found her guilty of deliberate murder and held her husband as accessory.

—The ladies of the Stella Hive, No. 31, of Roulette city, give a green goods party on Wednesday, March 17, at least we are lead to infer that it will be a green goods party, from the date on which it will be held.

—Emil Thimm has on exhibition at his cigar store, on Main street, a woodchuck and a case containg two fine owls that he stuffed as a taxadermist. They attract considerable attention from passersby.

—Last week we advertised for a MINER of Nov. 6. Before 2 o'clock of the day of publication our old friend "Jack" Parker came in with a copy of the desired date for which many thanks. Others came later.

—D. Hall, who has had charge of the creamery for the last two seasons will not be found in his accustomed place the coming summer. We shall regret to lose Mr. Hall as he has been a good man for the place.

—To all those who kindly responded to our request for copies of the MINER of Nov 6 '96, we extend thanks, especially C. H. R. Tribels of Philadelphia, and F. Grantzer of Newerf. There will be no need of sending any more.

—The Cecelia Musical Club of Boston, assisted by humorist Karl Marshall White, will delight Port Allegannas next Monday night No doubt several loads of young people from here will attend if the sleighing is good. This will surely be a rare treat for all who hear it.

—Ex-Senator Bannon sent to James Quirk some time since a large quantity of State reports on agriculture. Mr. Quirk kindly left a few volumes here for free distribution, and anyone desiring a copy can have the same by calling at this office or at the residence of Mr. Quirk.

—H. Cumberland Wilson formerly of this place is now pleasantly located at Olean in Reilly & Wand's block where he has started a musical school with an efficient corps of teachers. Miss Frances Farley, who has been a pupil of Jeddicka and Mosehowski is piano instructress.

—You will get a valentine at the dime social in the M. E. Chapel Monday evening, Feb. 15th, when the members of the W.C.T.U. will serve refreshments and entertain you with music and recitations. Come and have a good time.

—Leon K. Hogarth has displayed wonderful skill in the preparation of several large pair of ox horns for hat racks. He has gone to a great deal of trouble to put on the finishing touches and his work would reflect credit on an experienced artist.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hiller of Elkton, Mich., says an exchange, have reached the remarkable age of 107 and 105 years respectively and have been married 87 years. This is a record rarely reached. May they live to celebrate their one hundredth anniversary.

—Ralph Gleason is having his gallery on Main street enlarged. He intends setting the stairs back and extending the room out where the stairs now are. The front of the building will also be remodeled, giving him the advantage of better northern light.

—"Trixa, or Beyond the Rockies," at the opera house Tuesday evening. It will be presented by a carefully selected company of home talent, under the direction of those peerless performers, B. W. Stone and wife. Be sure and attend as the proceeds are for a good cause.

—In these days of many pictures—indifferent, bad and worse—in the daily press, let it be noted that Buffalo has one illustrated newspaper worthy the name The Illustrated Express began well and has grown better every year. It is the peer of any pictorial journal published.

—A little spurt of gas last week from the new test well being sunk in Gallagher township has caused considerable excitement in Lock Haven. The drill struck the gas vein at a depth of 1000 feet. Reports state that gas burned for over two hours. It is to be hoped that the company will be successful in striking either oil or gas in paying quantities.—Renovo Record.

—G. H. LaFetra of Washington, D. C., on the 3rd inst. received a cablegram from his brother, Rev. Ira H. LaFetra, who has charge of the party to Chili, of which Miss Burch is a member, stating that they had arrived at Santiago and that all were alive and well. They remain there two weeks, after which Miss Burch goes to Concepcion, Chili, where she will assume her duties.

—The Democrat takes the reference we made in regard to the publishing of the Democratic nominees as a direct slap at that sheet. Why Lindsley should feel offended is more than we are able to discern, since he has denounced the Democratic party and the Democratic party in turn has turned him down and said nominees appeared in his columns proceeded by those of the Republicans. Sam, you are altogether too touchy.

—John P. Herrick of the Corry Mail will visit Galveston, Texas, as a delegate from the old Knickerbocker State to attend the National Editorial Association. After the convention these eminent knights of the quill will visit old Mexico The readers of the Mail will hereafter be highly entertained by graphic pen pictures by John P., of the daring exploits of Cortez and his robber band in the land of the Montezumas.

—Clayton Backus has recently applied for a patent on an article that from present indications should make a fortune for the patentee. He calls it the "lightning check system." The article is a common hook with an ingenious attachment which holds a coat or any other piece of clothing in place so that it cannot be removed without the check, which is made to act as a key to the hook. It is a good thing and if managed right should make money for "J Clayton."

—Sometime since a young telegraph operator named Grant Brambel invented a rotary engine which he has sold to an international combination for the immense sum of 6,700,000, of this stock England takes $1,000,000, France and Germany $2,000,000 and the United States $3,100,000. This young man was receiving $5 00 a week as salary a few years ago, now he will have an income of $5 00 every seven minutes. Brains count in this day and age of the world.

—The MINER makes this exceptionally fine offer to its many readers. To every subscriber, new or old, we will send Vick's Illustrated Monthly Magazine and the MINER for $2 25 for one year. This offer also includes 12 packages of vegetable seeds (worth $1 00), and 10 packages of flower seeds (worth 75 cts). Just think of it, the whole business for only $2 25, payable, however strictly in advance. To the many lady readers of the MINER we ask you to take advantage of this grand offer.

—A. E. Stickles, the Racket man, has a broad gauge advertisement in this week's issue, calling attention to his "wheelbarrow load" of goods in the Sprague building. A MINER representative called at that place and was surprised to see the immense stock of goods that Mr. Stickles has in this store, and he says that business is booming. His prices defy competition and all say, "how can he do it?" But he does it and a careful perusal of his adv. will convince you that he has rare bargains for you. He still runs his East Smethport store.

—It is said that one of the natives of the upper Pine creek valley upon his first railroad ride got off the following remarks to a B. & S. conductor: "There is one thing about this railroad that puzzles me, Mr. Conductor, and that is the meaning of the letters, 'R' and 'W,' that I see painted on the posts along the track now and then." Those stand for 'ring' and 'whistle'" said the official. "Yes" said the native, "I can see how 'W' stands for ring all right, *'Wring,'* but how the duce does 'R' stand for *Whistle?*"—Republican Advocate.

—The advertisement of Leonard Keonig, our popular paper hanger and painter, will be found in another column. The MINER man has closely observed Mr. Keonig for over three years, and found him one of the most obliging gentlemen in his line. If you have a job of painting or paper hanging that needs to be finished in time Mr. Keonig will work night and day in order to aid you. It is with pleasure that the MINER presents his claims to its many readers. When in need of anything in his line give him a call. A prompt response will always meet you.

—Claud LaFevre met with rather a peculiar accident last Monday night. He, in company with some young friends, was sitting in a room in the Wright House talking and having a good time. He exhibited a large knife which he had recently purchased and thrust it through a paper which he had in his lap. The blow was harder than he thought and the keen blade entered his leg, just above the knee, causing intense pain. He immediately had the wound dressed and went home, the blood flowing quite freely. After arriving there Tuesday morning the limb was still sore and very painful. He consulted Dr. Clark who said that though it seemed a slight injury for which to send anyone to bed, he would have to do so and cautioned him to keep the injured member quiet. Claud's many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

—The best definition of a newspaper is "a paper that prints the news." There are plenty of so called newspapers that print everything else but news, and most of them print none of the news. The Buffalo Express is a brilliant example of of a newspaper that fulfills the definition by printing all the news when it is news. No other paper in Western New York is so complete in this respect.

—It is a good maxim to give peddlers the go-by when your home merchants have better goods for sale at a smaller price. And another thing, did it ever occur to you that the merchant is at an enormous expense? He is compelled to pay taxes, insurance, rent, and if the church, the poor or any other cause needs money, do you ever think of asking a peddler for a penny? The answer is apparent. Buy all your goods at home of your home merchants, and eventually his profits will revert back to your own pocket book.—Ex.

—"Al mak maself luf wah Al tank boat yore foany Anglesh woards," said Mr. Derrieson, "Yo say yo halve 'nag party' wan et be yost a stagger party. Al bane dere an know how tu maself. Dan da have 'hen party.' A hen party don't have any hens so et bus yost a lot a women. Al spose da call et hen party cause dey cackle so moach. As hen parties do women tank da bane birds." Then he began to discuss the effects of the free silver movement to Mt. Jewett.—Era The above from the pungent pen of Eric Derrickson shows conclusively that the venturesome Northmen subjugated the green isle at some prior period of our world's history, and the Scandinavian dialect continues to crop out in the descendents of the beautiful emerald isle.

—Monday's Era contained a very sensational story of an attempted jail delivery which seems quite plausable. It seems Bert Tunk had written a letter to a friend in Bradford. This letter was accidently dropped on Corydon street and Chief-of-Police Ruddy found it. Seeing Bert Turk's card on the envelope he made up his mind that there was a "contrabrand in the woodpile," consequently he investigated and found that Mr. Turk desired to assist a prisoner charged with forgery, to escape from the county jail. The one whom Turk desired to assist is a star boarder named Burch. A decoy letter was sent to Turk and a response quickly followed making request for tools usually needed in breaking jail. Turk was very modest, he did not wish to escape himself, but desired to assist Burch to flee from the dungeon keep. These two worthys have succeeded in making their cases more difficult.

Civil Court.

Court convened at 2 p. m Monday, Judges Olmsted and Morrison presiding:

In the case of Harris, Tasker & Co., incorporated, vs. M. D. Andrews, May Andrews, — Bailey, B. M. Bailey, O. P. Boggs, Bertha L. Andrews and Stella M. Andrews, a verdict was accorded the plaintiffs in the sum of $316.15.

The case of J. C. McDowell and the National Transit Company vs. the United States Pipe Line company has been appealed to the Supreme Court. There is a long list of errors alleged.

The case of O. E. Clay vs. the City of Bradford was continued, owing to the absence of ex-Mayor Dempsey, who is in Harrisburg.

Jennie O. Miller vs. the City of Bradford has been continued because of the absence of E. T. Lane, a material witness who is south.

The case of O. P. Buchanan vs South Penn Oil company, continued.

W. H. Nicholson, Jr., vs S. B. Bradley, W. C. Kennedy, J. A. Twitchell and H. M. Ernst. Continued.

A. Roseman and M. Levy, doing business as Roseman & Levy, vs. Charles Bloomburg. Continued.

A. N. Lillibridge vs. Thomas C. Wainman. Continued.

C. G. Rice vs. George Cobb, D. C. Chase and Charles H. Rixford; continued.

L. H. Edmunds vs. S. B. Dunham, defendant, W. S. Weed & Co., garnishees. An application for continuance owing to the illness of E. M. Bell, a material witness.

Z. Hill vs. H. S. Thompson. Discontinued.

In the case of Dr. M. A. Todd vs. Mrs. C. M. Burt. Verdict in favor of defendant.

Tuesday afternoon the court room was crowded by anxious spectators to hear the celebrated Marshburg libel case of Miss Mary Williamson vs Thomas Deagan for $10,000 damages. The plaintiff's case was lost at the start by defective presentation. The important witness for plaintiff resembled the people of the earth at the building of the tower of Babel. No two could testify alike as to dates or anything relating to the subject When bricks were needed slime was produced. The case demonstrated that the school directors of Lafayette township did not keep very correct minutes of their business transactions.

A Pleasant Affair.

Mrs. D. C Young, President of the Travelers' Club, was at home to members of the club last Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5, at her palatial home, on upper Main street.

The guests were received in the spacious front parlors. The club color scheme, yellow and white, was effectively carried out in floral decorations.

Jardinieres of daffodills, tulips hyacinths, etc., filling the rooms with odors most sweet.

Every guest departed feeling that Mrs. Young was a decided success in what ever capacity she was called upon to fill. She is a firm and impartial president, and a charming hostess.

A MEMBER OF THE CLUB

A Mass Burglary.

Last Sunday night the grist mill on Water street, owned by J. W. Brennan, was burglerized. An entrance was effected through the door to the engine room. The door was fastened on the inside with a hook and it was not much trouble to raise the same. The thieves, after entering, bagged about a ton of meal, loaded it, with eight or ten sacks of flour and departed, nobody knows where. This is rather a smooth piece of work as they left no trace or clue to follow them by.

Stickles, in the Sprague building has a large stock of all wool pantaloons, manufactured by Messrs. Marble & Son at Coudersport, Pa They are strong and durable and the price is lower than you could beg or steal them. Give him a call.

Miss M. M. Wicks of Olean, N Y., will be at the Grand Central hotel for three days—16, 17 and 18 of this month to hair dress and shampoo ladies and children also ladies and gentlemen. Will take orders for switches.

J. C. Gallup has contracted with the Johnston Harvesting Machinery Co., of Batavia, N. Y., and will sell their line of harvesting machinery for 1897, in this section. Do not purchase until you see their up-to-date machines.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like action will surprise you. A. W. Colcomers, Smethport, A. E. Stickles East Smethport.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Claud LaFevre was in Eldred Sunday.

Albert Warren visited Eldred Sunday.

T. F. Hangsville visited Bradford Monday.

Hugh Boyd of Clermont was in town Monday.

J. W. Brennan visited the oil metropolis Monday.

Lieut. R. A. Rice of Eldred was in town yesterday.

Robert King came home from Buffalo Saturday night.

Sheriff J. F. Davis visited Kane and vicinity Monday.

Miss May Rogers of Bradford is visiting Miss Redfield.

J. C Hamlin had business in Buffalo on Saturday last.

Judge A. G. Olmsted of Coudersport came over Monday.

E. E. Tait of Bradford was in town during the week.

Miss Lydia Barlingame visited Mt. Alton on Wednesday.

Mrs. William Hafner visited Clermont friends Sunday.

Aaron Anderson of Kane was in town the first of the week.

Miss Bessie Shook visited Port Allegany friends last Friday.

Dr. C. P. Alling of Bradford was a witness in court this week.

Miss Eva Sears of Bradford visited friends in town over Sunday.

Chas. Latham visited Bradford the first of the week on business.

R. W. Hilton of Mt Alton was in attendance at court this week.

S. E. Bell of Kane was an interested spectator at court Tuesday.

Editor A. D. Gould of Eldred was greeted old friends in town Tuesday.

Deputy Sheriff W. B. Clarke was in Bradford on business Wednesday.

Hayes Heath of Eldred was the guest of his brother, Elmer, Tuesday.

Dr. M. A. Todd of Bradford had a taste of McKean county law this week.

Miss Nellie Backus was a guest of Port Allegany friends during the week.

Att'y W. M. Lindsey of Warren transacted business at court Wednesday.

F. N. Taylor and W. H Moore of Gardeau arrived in town Tuesday night.

Miss Lena Martin of Clermont was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday.

Hon. Lewis Emery Jr., of Bradford autographed at the Wright House Monday.

A. P. Smith, one of the solid men of Colegrove, was a pleasant caller last Friday.

C. W. Catlin and S. F. Johnson of Port Allegany were pleasant callers Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Prescott of Port Allegany are guests of Rev. and Mrs. McCandless.

A. L. Hughes, clerk at the Henderson House, Bradford, arrived in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gifford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins of Kane over Sunday.

Harry Weaver, who is at present employed at Straight's, was in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Robert H. Rose of Binghamton, N Y., was the guest of her parents over Sunday.

I. T. Lenox of Mt. Alton, the mercantile appraiser, was in town on business Wednesday.

H. W. Eaton of Bradford listened to the recital of the bill of fare at the Central Tuesday.

W. Randall and S. P. Stevens of Duke Centre were guests at the Wright House this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Berry of Bradford were guests at the Wright House during the week.

United States District Attorney Harry Alvin Hall was a guest at the Central Tuesday night.

Miss Will Gifford attended the L. O. T. M., entertainment at Kane last Tuesday night.

Carl Engstrom of the firm of Engstrom and Skogg of Kane was in town the first of the week.

Miss Belle Abbey visited at the home of her uncle, F. M. Windsor, at Bartville this week.

Edward Tanner, one of Farmers Valleys' progressive farmers was a pleasant caller last Monday.

Miss Tina Powell of Bradford has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. K. Hogarth, during the week.

Mahlon D. Young of Philadelphia was here Tuesday as witness in the Emery-Boyle libel suit.

Miss Hattie Fraley, teacher of the Riterville school came home Wednesday to have her eyes treated.

W. J. Milliken of Bradford was prevailed upon to attach his autograph to the Central register yesterday.

Mrs. Rebecca Beckwith and son, W. F. Beckwith, of Farmers Valley were in town the first of the week.

W. Dye and wife and Mrs. S. D. Tibbitts of Custer City were guests of Miss Mantz, on Green street, last week.

Andrew Kaul of St. Marys, one of the directors of the St. Marys railroad, registered at the Central Tuesday.

Hon. M. F. Elliott and Henry McSweeny of Oil City and J. C. McDowell of Pittsburg arrived in town yesterday.

Mrs. G. B Young spent last week in town a guest of Mrs. D. C. Young. Doctor Young spent Friday in town.

Att'y S. W. Smith and M. J. Hadley, the veteran surveyor of Port Allegany, were in attendance at court this week.

Jay Estz, S. Davidson, J. E. Ward and F. P. Isherwood all of Bradford were registered at the Wright House Tuesday.

Charles Brown, the genial Main street barber of Bradford, was holding down a chair in the jury box this week.

Editor P. C. Boyle and J. R. Perine, business manager of the Oil City Derrick, were in attendance at court this week.

Fred Baker of Buffalo is visiting old friends in town. Fred looks as though things agreed with him in that city.

Col. Lucius Rogers was up from Harrisburg last Sunday. The Colonel has evidently discovered the fountain of perpetual youth.

The prominent lumberman of Austin, A. G. Lyman, was a guest at the Wright House while transacting business in town this week.

John Gaskins of Smethport, who has been the guest of Grant Young and other Kane friends, returned home this morning—Kane Republican.

R. A. Weaver of Weaver Bros., Bradford, is serving as juror this week and is a guest of his brother, Del Weaver, our popular commissioners' clerk.

Leon E. Larrabee of the law firm of Larrabee, Lewis and Leonard of Coudersport was in town Tuesday greeting old friends of which he has an innumerable host.

James Biggins of Eldred was a very pleasant caller at this office last Friday. He is very enthusiastic over the work being done in the county on the agricultural question.

Attorneys Eugene and T. F Mallin, S. T. Swartz, J. M. McClure, R. B. Stone, H. M. Byles, W. W. Brown and R. L. Edgett of Bradford were in attendance at court this week.

The veteran, E. M. Adams of Duke Centre, dropped into our sanctum Monday and made us feel all the better for having met him. He has been doing duty as jury man this week.

Dr. John Clark will start next Monday for an extended visit to exico. He will go via New York, Havana, Cuba, and eventually reach terra firma on the soil of the Montezumas. The MINER wishes him a pleasant journey.

H. K. Moore of Coleville kindly remembered the MINER last Friday. Mr. Moore is one of the solid farmers of the section where he lives, and is undoubtedly as well acquainted with the early history of McKean county as any man within its borders, having been born at Farmers Valley 76 years ago.

Last Tuesday just at noon a jolly sleighing party arrived in town, composed of the following ladies: Mrs. John Oberg, Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mrs. Fred Lunden, Mrs. Sone Lunden, Mrs. Edgar Carlquist, Mrs. Chas. Oberg, Mrs S. Lundgreen, Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. Chas. Lunden, Mrs. Rob't Oberg, Mrs. S. Lindberg, Mrs. Albert Newberg, all of Mt. Jewett.

F. W. Newton of Risford, who left his Potter county home in 1877 and located in the oil country, was a pleasant caller last Monday. Mr. Newton went to Risford at the age of 19, with very little money but possessed of lots of pluck and energy. By perseverance and industry he is now on the road to fortune. His venture in Chipmunk and Rice brook is panning out beyond his expectation. His individual share in November production was 1300 barrels and January was 2048 barrels. May continued prosperity follow him.

Spring term Musical College, Freeburg, Pa., will begin May 3. For catalogue address H. E. Meyer. 5-3t

A Young Brute.

A young man of about 18 years, who resides with his parents on West Williams street, is earning an unenviable reputation for himself by his inhuman treatment of his mother who is nearly an invalid. Last week, while in a passion, this brilliant member of the rising generation attacked his mother with a stone and but for the timely arrival of neighbors, who were attracted by the woman's cries, murder would have resulted. The day previous to this occurrence he raised a chair to hit her and when she made an outcry he directed his attack upon the cook stove with lamentable results to both chair and stove. The young fellow takes peculiar delight in pulling of cockleburs from the parlor and more than one "battle royal" in this part of his parent's domicile has served for his edification. Any remonstrance from his mother, brings down abuse and the unfortunate woman has numerous marks upon her body, evidencing her son's brutality. This promising youth will find himself in the lockup at no great future time, as the neighborhood resolved to have him punished for the next offense.—Bradford Post.

Such a brute deserves a straight jacket. And an overhead sprinkling of cold water in copious quantities would have telling effect.

Of Interest to Farmers.

The Agricultural and Breeder Society held a meeting at the court house Jan. 6, '97. The bonds of Walter Dale, treasurer for $500, and Jas Quirk, Secretary, $200 were read and accepted. State representative Shorburne, Secretary Quirk and M. N. Allen, were appointed committee to wait on the county commissioners in regard to appropriations. The fertilizer committee, J. C. Stull, Lincoln Gallup and the secretary are to meet at A. B Armstrong's office Saturday, Feb 13, at 2 o'clock to arrange the fertilizer experiment to be carried out, every member who is interested in this work should attend.

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Tour to California via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The next California tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia by special train of Pullman palace cars February 24, visiting the great Mammoth Cave and stopping at New Orleans during the Mardi Gras carnival. Four weeks will be allowed on the Pacific Coast, and two days will be spent on the return in the Colorado Springs and the Garden of the Gods. Stops will also be made at Salt Lake City, Denver and Omaha. This is one of the most delightful and complete tours ever planned.

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Muscular Rheumatism Promptly Relieved.

Mr. J. K. Holton, a well-known fur dealer of Oxford, Pa., says: "I sometimes suffer with muscular rheumatism and while having one of the most painful attacks, he called at W. T. J. Brown's drug store and Mr. Brown advised him to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, he did so, and it gave him immediate relief. Pain Balm is also recommended for rheumatism by Mr. E. W. Wheeler of Luthers Mills, Pa., who has used it and found it to be an excellent remedy. If troubled with rheumatism give it a trial. It is certain to relieve the pain as soon as applied; and, its continued use will effect a cure. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. E. Armstrong & Co.

A Reminder of Army Life.

Mr. Lou Smith, editor of the Commercial, Meyersdale, Pa., says: "A chronic diarrhoea that returns at frequent intervals, as a reminder of army life, has been more effectually controlled by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy than any other I have ever used. It possesses true merit." For sale by A. E. Armstrong & Co.

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An Ordinance

REPEALING AN ORDINANCE RELATING to the laying out and opening of a new street, to be called Willow street.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and Town Council of the borough of Smethport, McKean county, Penna., and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that the ordinance relating to the laying out and opening of a new street to be called Willow street, which reads as follows:

Be it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and Council of the borough of Smethport, McKean county, Penn., and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that a new street be ordered and laid out and opened as follows, to-wit:

Said street shall be thirty-four feet in width and shall be called Willow street, and the centre line of which street shall be located as follows: Beginning at an iron post standing in the center of Nelson street, 156 rods north from a stone in the center of Hank and Nelson streets; thence running west to Mechanic street and that said street shall be opened for public use. Passed the 14th of Dec., 1896.

Be and the same is hereby repeated.

Passed Feb'y 8, 1897. FRANK KERNS, President.

Attest: A. T. PALMER, Secretary.

Approved Feb'y 10, 1897.

F. W. BROWNELL, Burgess.

REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE

In one of his wonderful sermons very truthfully said, "My brother, your trouble is not with the heart; it is a gastric disorder or a rebellious liver. It is not sin that blots out your hope of heaven, but bile that not only yellows your eyeballs and furs your tongue and makes your head ache but swoops upon your soul in dejection and forebodings,"—and

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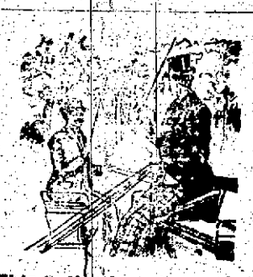

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The above goods R the best on the market.
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Odd Fellows' Block. Smethport, Pa.

The Mark of Vishnu.

(Continued from first page.)

and his followers in an attack on the temple, if he could possibly help it, although to the Brahmans his attitude had been one of the utmost revolution. But a minute or so passed ere they saw Prohaska returning, leading Lilian by the hand. She was still evidently insensible. A few of the flowers that clung still to her skirts showed that she had been raised from the couch by the idol. Her eyes were closed, and she moved stiffly in obedience to the priest's guiding hands, as an automaton might be expected to do. The trident mark of Vishnu was on her forehead still.

"Sir!" said the Brahman. "The mem saheb bears Vishnu's mark. She strayed into our temple, entered the hall of idols and lay down at the foot of Vishnu. What could we do? If you, most have one, take her." And his eyes added as his tongue stopped abruptly, "Take my deathless curse with her too."

Ross did not choose to argue or inquire into details. Lilian was hurt at last, and, closing round, they gently bore her, still in a somnambulistic condition, to the bungalow.

It was a long while before Lilian could be made to understand all that had happened; and it was plain that her nervous system was terribly shaken. She shuddered at the sight of a native and trembled at hearing the native language. She was haunted with a fearful idea of being again irresistibly impelled to enter a Hindoo temple and became utterly incapable of continuing her missionary work.

Ross dissolved his partnership with Karney, and, having persuaded Lilian to give him the right to protect her night and day they were married, and it did not require much further persuasion on the part of Ross to induce his wife to leave India and her brother, in whom she felt the same contempt as her husband. Lilian could not explain how she was irresistibly impelled to walk in her sleep into the temple, but it was long before she could banish from her mental vision the cobra-like eyes of Prohaska, the Brahman, and, truth to tell, naturally human as he was, Ross could not resist uttering an exclamation of profound satisfaction when, a few years later, he read in a newspaper that Prohaska had been ignominiously hanged for his share in one of the fell massacres of the Indian mutiny.

THE END.

He Was a Sovereign.

Dauglas, after his foreign tour, told an amusing story of a London landlady. "Her hotel had been recommended to him for comfort and quiet, so he went there, travel stained and unattended, ordering his baggage to follow. The landlady, a barrel shaped and rigid minded English woman, took his measure and showed him rather meager rooms. 'Have you anything better, madam?' he asked. The next were but little better, and the next. At last Douglas demanded the best she had, and the woman confessed to certain rooms on the first floor which were usually occupied by members of the nobility. Reluctantly she led her questionable guest to a cheerful suit overlooking parks and gardens, and there Douglas installed himself and sat down to write and smoke.

"Soon a lackey, observing him from the hall, entered to tell him that smoking was not permitted in those apartments. The senator, detecting imperti nence in the man's manner, smoked on. Another came, and still he smoked. Then a man in a tail coat and white gloves entered and was very peremptory. Douglas looked at him and puffed away. Then the stout little landlady appeared with all her feathers flying and began to lay down the law.

"This time Douglas rose and faced the intruder. Summoning all that grandeur of manner which had captured aristocrats and quelled conventions, he bowed profoundly and said, with resonant voice and solemn pauses, 'Madam, perhaps you do not know who I am?'

"The lady confessed her ignorance.

"'Madam,' said Douglas—and no one could do it better—'I am an American sovereign.'

"The round little lady courtesied and backed out of the room. And when Sir Robert Peel called the next day and carriages of lords and notables blocked the way, she decided that she was harboring a sovereign indeed, and there were not baskets enough under her roof to do him honor."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Striving to Speak.

Perhaps no one who ever became an eloquent orator was so handicapped with natural defects as John Philpot Curran, the Irish advocate. His voice was shrill, and he spoke in a stumbling tongue, so that he was called "Stuttering Jack Curran." His awkward manner and extravagant, meaningless gestures provoked laughter.

Yet he overcame all these impediments by a system of self discipline which included close application, repeated trials and patient labor. His shrill voice he changed into a flexible, modulated organ, his enunciation became deliberate and eminent, his action fine, graceful and expressive and he acquired the art of thinking on his legs.

"It must have been born with you," said a gentleman who had listened to his eloquence.

"Indeed it was born three and twenty years and some months after me," answered Curran, and then he told how he attended a London debating society, where his failures were so many and mortifying that his friends despaired of his ever becoming a speaker.

Though unwilling to accept their judgment, he for awhile remained silent on the debates. Some one in a speech referred to him as "Orator Mum." That nettled him, and he again risked his own sense of shame and the ridicule of opponents. He spoke and failed, spoke and failed. His friends cried, "Hear, hear!" though there was nothing to hear, but he persevered until the mean boys of the debating club listened with pleasure to his speeches.

It is an instructive illustration of the difference between feminine and parliamentary oratory that Curran never distinguished himself in the Irish house of commons. Erskine also failed in parliament, though he had a reputation as the most eloquent advocate at the bar.—South's Companion.

Highest Portraits of Washington.

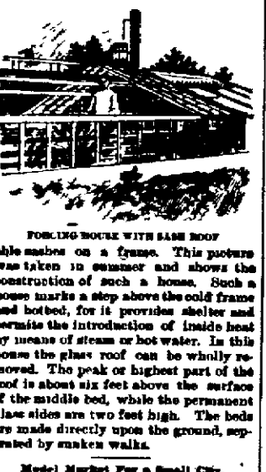
There are at least 40 original portraits of Washington known to have been painted from life, with a score more claiming like distinction. To Charles Willson Peale belongs the honor of having painted Washington from life a greater number of times than any other artist. He had not less than 14 different sittings from Washington, if we can accept the enumeration given by Lorenz Reinhardt. In May, 1772, while Washington was still a Virginia colonel, he wrote from Mount Vernon, "Inclination having yielded to importunity, I am now, contrary to all expectation, under the hands of Mr. Peale, but in no grave, or sullen, a mood and now and then under the influence of Morpheus when some sublime strokes are making that I fancy the skill of this gentleman's pencil will be put to it to describe to the world what manner of man I am." In September, 1795, when Washington was in his second term as president of the United States, Stuart, meeting Mrs. Washington, urged her to hasten to her husband's protection, as he had just left him within they were "Pending him on the right side and on the left, behind and before." The allusion in this just of Stuart's was to the first that Charles Willson Peale, his younger brother James and his sons, Rembrandt and Raphael, were each availing themselves of this Washington's last sitting to delineate his features. Between these two, so widely separated in time, Peale unquestionably secured numerous other sittings.—Charles Henry Hart in McClure's.

FARM AND GARDEN

VEGETABLES UNDER GLASS.

A System of Intensive Culture With Labor Saving Devices.

The three styles of glass gardening used by vegetable growers are cold frames, hotbeds and forcing houses. The first of these, the cold frame, as Rural New Yorker explains, is cheap and easily managed, and many a farmer will find it valuable either for the benefit of his own table or for the home market. The construction, in a commercial plant, is extremely simple—merely a long bed, 6 feet wide, inclosed on either side by inch boards. The ends are of course inclosed, but there are no crossbars, as after removing the sash the entire length may be cultivated by horsepower. For covering, 6 foot sashes are merely laid across the frames. Alleys 4 feet wide are left between the frames. These are also planted, no waste space being permitted. The soil of the frames is very rich and well drained, and it is recommended that the top earth, at least to a depth of two or three inches, be removed and replaced each season.



COLD FRAMES IN SUMMER.

An illustration, reproduced from Dreer's book, "Vegetables Under Glass," shows how these "boxes" look when at rest—that is, while the glass is off during the summer.

The alley, 4 feet wide, is planted with radishes, while the boxes themselves contain a summer crop of celery. The picture shows how easily these boxes may be worked by horsepower. As fast as one crop comes out another is started.

Some of the cold frame rotations, practiced by Philadelphia market gardeners, are thus given in the useful manual already quoted: Spinach, sown about Sept. 15, cut at Christmas; radishes, sown in February, pulled in April; bush beans, sown in April; corn salad, sown about Sept. 15, cut in April and May, followed by beans; lettuce, sown about Sept 15, cut in April and May, followed by beans; spinach, sown about Sept 15, cut at Christmas; lettuce (plants from the seed bed or seed) in February, followed by beans. Beets are frequently sown in February.

Of winter or spring garden crops the following may be grown without heat: Spinach, spring cabbage plants, corn salad, endive, onions, daisy, pansy, violet. With heat: Tomato, cucumber, cauliflower, beans, melon, mushrooms, potato. Grown both ways: Lettuce, radish, parsley, beets, water cress, carrots, rhubarb, asparagus, mint.

The second cut, also reproduced from Dreer's book, is a picture of a simple forcing house made by placing the movable sashes on a frame. This picture was taken in summer and shows the construction of such a house. Such a house marks a step above the cold frame and hotbed, for it provides shelter and permits the introduction of inside heat by means of steam or hot water. In this house the glass roof can be wholly removed. The peak or highest part of the roof is about six feet above the surface of the middle bed, while the permanent glass sides are two feet high. The beds are made directly upon the ground, separated by sunken walks.

FORCING HOUSE WITH SASH ROOF.

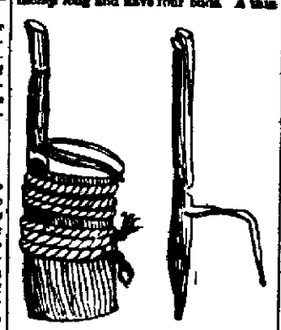
Model Market For a Small City.

The system of handling the produce trade in the growing towns and small cities is very unsystematic in most places. Instead of so many small shops and little markets scattered over the city it would be far better for consumers as well as producers in the business were concentrated if an appropriate market building at some convenient center. A typical market of this kind is the new institution just opened at the center of the enterprising city of Springfield, Mass. The New England Homestead describes it as follows: It is of yellow brick, 165 by 65 feet, containing 84 stalls. The main doors open and close by electricity. The basement contains a fine plant for cold storage of meats, fruits, vegetables, etc. The display of these and other foods in the various stalls is very attractive and is an object lesson to farmers about preparing their stuff for market. Although a new departure, the occupants are already doing a fine business, and on a recent Saturday night 16,000 people visited this market. Every city in the land ought to have such a public market.

Novel Method of Grafting.

The accompanying cut from an Australian exchange depicts a mode of grafting which, it is claimed, results in better joint and quicker covering of the stub. The method of preparing the scion is shown at the right side of the illustration.

Each graft ought to be about four inches long and have four buds. A thin



DETROYED FORM OF GRAFTING

piece of wood as well as the bark is cut upward sufficiently long to cross over the crown of the branch to the grafted, half an inch of it being bent to be slipped under the bark on the opposite side of the branch. This method of grafting, according to its advocates, can be applied to trees having branches about an inch in diameter, rather less than more. In preparing the stock branch the one to be operated on ought to be severed rather close to the main branch, only leaving about two inches. The cuts must, of course, be made to correspond as nearly as possible with those on the scion, or this method can be applied to young trees as stocks where they are too large for splice grafting. This method of grafting gives stability to the work and the grafts are not so liable to be blown out as in some others.

Hens and Hens.

It is reported on good authority that buyers abroad have lost confidence in American shippers because of the dishonest methods resorted to in putting the fruit into the market.

DESIRABLE FEED RACK.

It Is Inexpensive In Its Construction and Saves Waste.

When hay is fed loose in the barn yard, a certain per cent of it is trampled under foot and wasted. In order to prevent this, in part at least, a feed rack of some kind should be erected in the corner of the yard at a point which will be the most sunny and pleasant possible. A writer in the New York Tribune gives an illustrated description of a good rack. He says:

CONVENIENT AND INEXPENSIVE.

A simple but effectual way in which to build one of these feed racks is to begin by setting four tall posts in the ground in the form of a rectangle, as shown in the cut. Their height and distance apart will determine the size and capacity of the rack. It is inadvisable, however, to make it very wide—say not over 6 feet—as some difficulty would be experienced by the animals in pulling out the hay if bound solidly in the center. Set the posts leaning toward the center in order to make the opening wider at the bottom than at the top. This will prevent binding, and in consequence the hay will readily settle as it is being eaten away from below. From about 18 inches above ground to the top of the posts the sides and ends should be boarded tightly, making it possible for the animal to get at the hay only at the bottom.

To make the rack complete, a manger must be constructed entirely round the upright part. This is best accomplished by setting four short posts securely in the ground opposite the corners, and others between to give firmness to this part, where pressure is brought to bear. If the manger is made slanting and narrow at the bottom, it will prevent animals from getting in, as they are often tempted to do in cold weather. Many consider it a good plan to cover such a rack with a shed roof, thus always keeping the hay dry. This can be done with very little expense. And, better yet, I would advise having a door at the front of it, hung on hinges, as represented in the illustration, so that it could be let down at will for the insertion of the hay. This would tend to keep the fodder dry, for the most part, in any kind of weather.

Items In Beekeeping.

In some experiments carried out under the direction of the Vermont Bee keepers' association 17 hives were placed in a room 6 by 24 feet, capable of accommodating 24 colonies. The bees, having come from different sources, were in different sized frames, and for this reason were observed closely to determine the best form of frame to adopt in the production of comb or extracted honey and for wintering bees. No perceptible difference has yet been noticed.

After the onset of frost sugar syrup was fed in different ways to test the ability of bees to change cane sugar into honey sugar. Analyses are given of the honeys produced—pure honey and honey that had been adulterated with cane sugar. It was found that the best honey was produced when a large quantity of syrup was fed to the bees rapidly. The resulting honey did not granulate. When syrup was fed in small quantities for a considerable time, less sucrose was found on analysis, but the product granulated. Stimulative feeding during the spring was tried, but was interrupted, and the results are inconclusive.

A nonswarming device was employed with four colonies of bees, but proved a failure so far as preventing any desire to swarm. Two strong colonies running together with a nonswarmer produced less comb honey than single colonies that were allowed to swarm at will.

Cattle Commissioners' Work.

During the last session of the Connecticut state board of agriculture Governor Coffin, in his address, stated that during the year ending Sept. 30 the board of cattle commissioners examined 5,121 animals, killed 787, paid to owners $19,000—an average of $25 per head—and the total expenditure by the state was $38,641. Some modifications of the cattle law are likely to be made by the incoming general assembly.

News and Notes.

The total amount allowed by the government for sugar bounty claims is $6,685,000. This includes the bounty on maple and beet, but is mostly for cane sugars.

It is said that all the states except Washington have some legislation on the subject of forest fires.

It is suggested by The Rural New Yorker that farmers have their name and address, also name of farm, printed on letter heads and envelopes, a cheap but effective way of advertising.

In most of the important corn districts the rate of yield, also quality, is disappointing.

It is reported that 80 per cent of the increase in exports of American bread stuffs is found at southern ports like Baltimore, Norfolk, New Orleans and Galveston.

A Kansas farmer says that the only time for killing weeds is on a clear day with high barometer. At other times about all you do is to transplant the weeds.

The Ohio experiment station has successfully tried the method of scalding seed oats to prevent smut.

Oats are now cheap compared with other grains.

Testimony points to an increased area sown to winter wheat.

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"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is" retorted the other. "If it was in his toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig lamps." A. W. Colegrove, Smethport A. B. Stickies, East Smethport.

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FERTILIZER FARMING.

Clondsale and Clover Insure Prosperity. An Improved Rotation.

A New Jersey farmer who believes in chemicals and clover believes that the usual five years' rotation—corn, potatoes and wheat one each and hay two, and most of the fertilizer is applied to the potatoes—may be improved upon. This is the way he writes about it to Country Gentleman.

As wheat is considered a no money crop, would there not be more money if the rotation should be changed to four years, and instead of following potatoes with wheat they should be followed by grass, sowing timothy and clover in the fall without grain, after the potatoes are dug? Then hay can be cut for two years, and then the sod be planted with corn again. If the rotation must be five years, why not have two years of corn, which is more of a money crop than wheat, letting one corn crop follow the other, and to keep up fertility of the soil, and even make it better, sow crimson clover in the corn at the last working and have it to turn under the following spring? Should any one say that will give too much nitrogen, the answer would be that it would render it unnecessary to purchase any for the potato crop which is to follow, as a good crop can be secured by the use of only potash and phosphoric acid. Some will say that it is impracticable to sow grass after potatoes and secure a good crop the next season, but my neighbors and myself for a number of years have practiced this with good results, and the practice is extending.

I cannot find it profitable for myself in this section to grow small grain, and no more corn than enough for my teams. I keep no stock on my place but my teams, one cow and breeding hogs to pasture my orchards. I depend for crops on fruit, cabbage, potatoes and asparagus and well understand that all are not situated the same. But I cannot understand why the majority of farmers cannot reduce their expenses for manures very materially by simply using more clover and avoid purchasing nitrogen. I have given up buying horse or stable manure and depend wholly upon chemicals and clover for plant food. I depend on potash and bone in addition to the clover, of which I sow 30 to 40 acres each year solely to plow under and to supplement it. In using the two chemicals, potash and bone, I do not consider it necessary to mix them, but make two applications, which is as easily done as to make two applications of fertilizer, as some do to potatoes—1,000 pounds each time. For most crops I prefer to have all fertilizers put on broadcast.

Protecting Tender Plants.

T. H. Hoskins, writing from Vermont, tells Rural New Yorker that he doesn't consider the barrel method so safe as laying down and covering with earth. He writes: To avoid fracture in bending down it is well to make a slight mound, over which the plant may be gently and carefully bent and there secured by holding on by crossed stakes until the covering is made firm. It is a good plan to leave these stakes in place all winter, as the elasticity of the bent plants may cause them to throw off the earth when softened by rain. Where snow can be depended on to stay all winter it is easy to get a good protection for tender plants by placing obstructions so that the snow will drift over the bent down plant or shrub. This way is best where available, as the snow cannot injure the tenderest plant, while soil may not be quite safe.

High Quality of Eastern Apples.

There is a great apple crop in all the eastern states this year, and in those bordering on the Atlantic coast the quality is generally excellent as compared with the far western fruit, which a few years ago, when our own apples failed, flooded the eastern markets. The dry western climate will indeed produce a very fine appearing apple, but on tasting the fruit it will be found to lack the juiciness and high flavor of fruit grown where the east winds from the ocean bring a moist atmosphere and abundant rains. The growing of luscious fruit needs something more than irrigation to supply the roots of the trees with needed water. There must be moisture in the atmosphere as well, so as to check excessive evaporation from the fruit as it is growing on the trees. At least this is the view taken by The American Cultivator.

Crossing Wire Fences.

The want of an easy mode of crossing wire fences where it is not deemed advisable to place gates is felt where lands are subdivided into small inclosures. A current style described in an Australian exchange is here illustrated. As will be perceived, this style can be easily constructed by any man who is handy with tools. If sawed timber be not available, broad slabs will answer the purpose.

STILE FOR CROSSING FENCE.

Concerning the Nightcap.

The nightcaps almost universally worn some 25 years ago are now quite as universally discarded. There is a diversity of opinion in regard to the wisdom of this change. While some doctors assert that there is much less baldness since they were abandoned, others, declare with equal fervor that neuralgia and catarrh are much more common since the nightcap was banished from the wardrobe.

A Note From the Editor.

The editor of a leading State writes "If you had seen my wife last June and went to see her to-day you would not believe she was the same woman. When she was broken down by nervous debility and suffered terribly from constipation and sick headache. Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves made her a well woman in one month." A. W. Colegrove, Smethport; C. M. Benson, Colegrove; S. W. Stickney, Newerf. Large size 25 and 50 cents.

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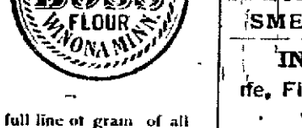

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Trains leave Smethport for Larra[illegible] Eldred Olean Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express daily except Sunday 8:30 a. m.
Mail, daily except Sunday 4:30 p. m.
Train leaving Sunday at 2:30 p. m. connects at Olean with N. Y. & Pa. Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south:
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9:55 a. m.—Train 5, daily except Sunday for Renovo, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, connects at Philadelphia 6:35 p. m. New York 9:25 p. m. Baltimore 6:00 p. m. Washington 7:05 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coach from Kane to Philadelphia.

4:15 p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:50 p. m.—Train 8, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 8:25 a. m., New York 11:30 a. m. week days (10:45 a. m. on Sundays). Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and Washington. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington